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LOVELOCK CAVE CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

This year, 2006, is the 100th Anniversary of the 1906 Antiquities Act which provides protection for our Nation's heritage resources. Lovelock Cave is one such national treasure which is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Native Americans utilized Lovelock Cave as early as 4600 years ago. Thousands of artifacts, including the oldest duck decoys in the world, were found in the cave.

In order to celebrate the 1906 Antiquities Centennial, as well as Nevada Archeology and Historic Preservation Month, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Winnemucca Field Office will be hosting a field trip to Lovelock Cave for the general public on Saturday May 13. Nevada Outdoor School will be assisting the BLM with this event. The tour will start at the Marzen House Museum in Lovelock at 9:00 am and will be completed by 11:30 am.

Families are welcome. The event will introduce the *Lovelock Cave Back Country Byway Children's Activity Book* and there will be activities for children.

After the tour a number of site maintenance activities will be performed at Lovelock Cave and along the Lovelock Cave Byway from 12:30 to 2:30 in celebration of National Public Lands Day. Clean up activities will include sign repair, trash collection, weed pulling and relining the Nature Trail at the cave with cobbles. The public is welcome to join in these activities.

Participants should wear good walking shoes and a hat and those planning to stay for the cleanup should also be sure to pack a lunch and bring gloves. Those planning to participate in the tour and/or the clean-up should contact the Winnemucca BLM Field Office at 775-623-1500 prior to the event to RSVP and to find out about current road conditions.

There has been some concern about roads leading to the cave due to high water in the Humboldt River. The main road, which includes parts of the Back Country Byway, is closed, but it appears that at least in the short run, conditions on the alternate route to the cave should be all right. The alternate route from I-80 is to leave the Interstate at the East Lovelock Exit, head east on State Highway 856 across the bridge over the Humboldt River, and turn right at the fork in the road past the Trap Shoot on a graveled secondary road. Continue south and southwest along the east side of the Humboldt for about four miles where this road joins the usual route. From there, it's about two more miles to the turn off for Lovelock Cave.